

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, Mary R. Hill was born on October 21, 1903, near Worthing, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mary has memories of the country church bells ringing, as she hand-picked corn with her father, and she remembers the signing of the WWI Armistice on November 11, 1918; and,

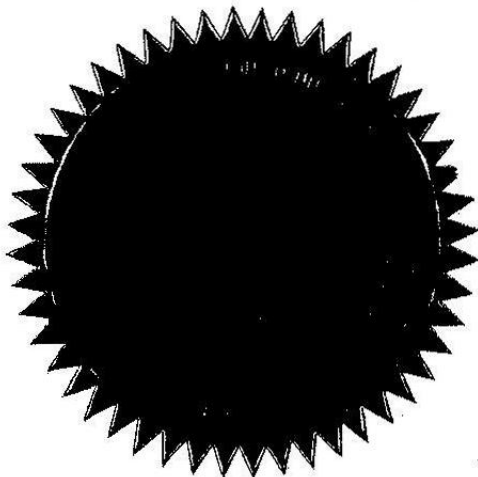
Whereas, Mary will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

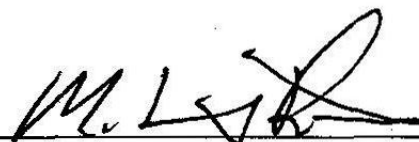
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State


Chad W. Heinrich, Deputy